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November 2023 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday November 14, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM and the doors open at 6:30 PM.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to this month's club newsletter, the ARC-OVER. Club Officer and Board member elections are upon us. Current members who are interested in serving are: President Bambi KI6YQL, Vice President Lucian KF6NPG, Secretary Walter KI6PBL, Treasurer Mike KG6VFL, Sergeant at Arms Jerry, KN6GJK, Members at Large, Lynn KM6DKF and John N6JCS. Several of these members have served multiple terms and would be glad to see other members step up and take a turn.

If you are a little hesitant, do not worry. The current members would be happy to mentor you. If you are interested in serving as a club officer, please contact Walter KI6PBL or Spencer KJ6ART. Nominations are taken this month with the vote at the December meeting.

The annual club Christmas dinner will take place on December 12, 2023, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, short meeting to follow for the election of officers. The entrée is chicken piccata, penne pasta topped with parmesan and parsley, salad with fruit and nuts with homemade dressing, and assorted breads and butter. Dessert is gingerbread topped with whipped cream. The cost is \$40.00 per person due no later than November 28, 2023.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net.

We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to Lucian KF6NPG at kf6npg@aol.com.



PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

As the seasons change, we need to be aware of our equipment's needs and make any repairs that the summer's heat and sun has caused to cables, etc. We will be changing our Board meeting nights to the 1st Tuesday before the 2nd Tuesday of the month (confusing isn't it) as of January 1, 2024. Be Safe. President Bambi



Amateur Radio Operators, or "hams," have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at w6abj@arrl.net.

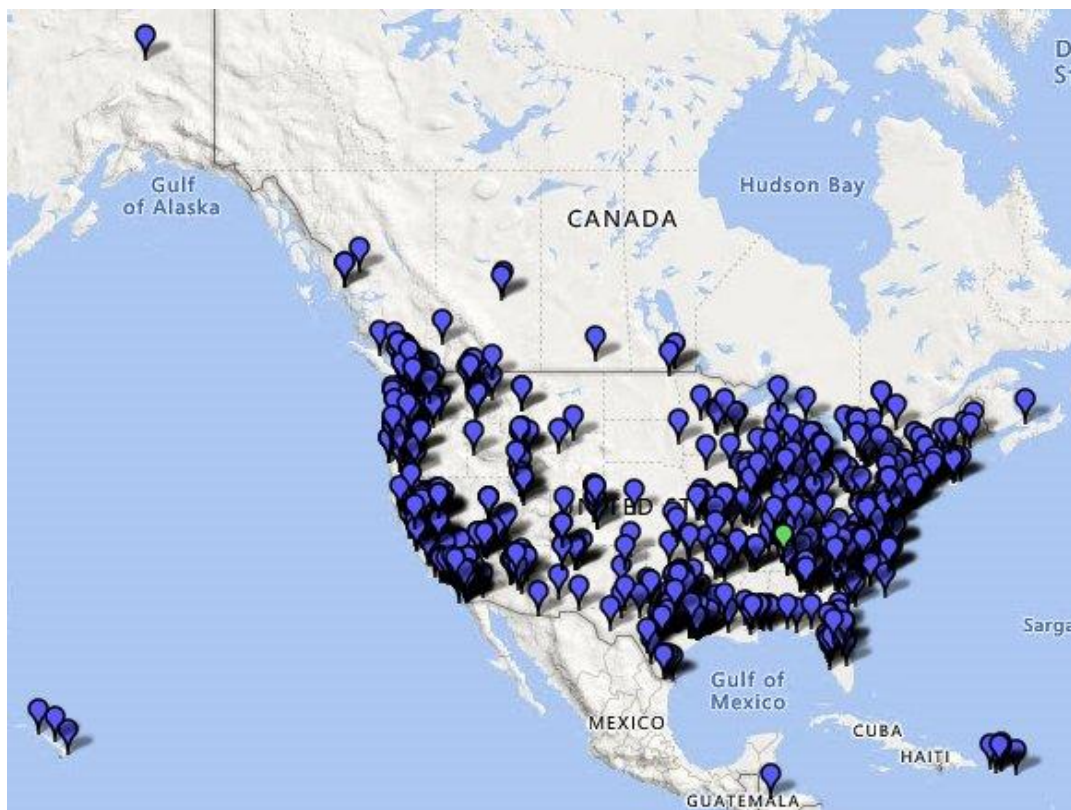
Shake Out October 19, 2023 Review

<https://www.shakeout.org>



On Thursday October 19, 2023, at 1010 hrs. Stanislaus ARES opened a voice net on the 145.390 pl 136.5 repeater for the Shakeout. There were 14 voice check ins. Operators who were winlink proficient sent in the DYFI (Did You Feel It) form and 10 operators from our area sent in reports.

There was a big push to get as many amateur radio operators to send in the DYFI form as possible to show the value of information that can be sent in from the field. This information can show what is occurring in real time. Over 1,500 operators sent in reports. FEMA and other agencies were pleased with the response and information sent in. FEMA said the exercise was a remarkable success.



Nationwide DYFI reports

Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club
October 10, 2023 @ 7PM
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 22 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Dinnie Echols N6TLW and seconded by Ed Darrah (K7ERD) and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$3,819.32 and CD \$5,033.60. Paid \$170.55 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. Collected \$25.00 in Dues with 76 dues paid members.

Membership Chairman's Report:

John Sims (N6JCS) 84 paid members

Repeater Chairman's Report:

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) reported n/a

ArcOver Publisher's Report: Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) reported October 20 deadline.

Vice President's Report:

Vice President Richard Larson (W6ABJ) n/a

Merced ARES Report:

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) was helping with an upcoming Pizza meeting with Cal Fire and Dave Anderson (KB6NUD) was helping as the temporary AEC.

VEC Report:

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that two individuals passed the general exam tonight and that there would be no further exam sessions this year.

Old Business: Christmas Dinner would be at 6:30 pm on the regular club meeting night on December 12th and payment (\$40.00 per person) would be due no later than November 28th (repeated under new business as well).

Also, the Auction will be held on February 10th, 2024.

New Business: On November 18 at Donnely Park, Turlock will be the annual Fun Run with 5 operators needed starting at approx. 8:00 a.m.

Then on December 1st will be the annual Turlock Christmas Parade with 10-12 operators needed starting at 4:00 pm.

An election committee comprised of Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) has been established for the upcoming annual club officer election. Anyone wanting to either put their name in the hat or nominate are encouraged to reach out to either of these fine gentlemen.

It was announced that in December the annual Christmas Dinner would occur at the Salvation Army facility December 12th starting at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$40.00 per person payable on or before November 28th. The only business to be conducted that evening will be the election of officers and dessert.

A “Bacon & Eggs Breakfast” aka “Breakfast with the Hams” on Saturday October 14th, at Starbucks Turlock commencing at 8:00am. Please note that this is intended to be a “NO HOST” event, so bring your own money!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm. Motion by Jerry Breault (KN6GJB) and second by Dinnie Echols (N6TLW), Motion carried.

Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) Secretary

Following the meeting there was a presentation by Jeffery Breazeale (KN6TFK) (on the devastation in Lahaina, Maui, and communications issues).



UPCOMING EVENTS

On Going Event

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

November

Fresno Amateur Radio Club swap meet. Saturday November 11, 2023, from 8 am to 1 pm. Location: Lion Automotive 2944 Phillip Ave. Clovis, 93612. A flyer is attached.

Club Meeting Tuesday November 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm. They will take nominations for club officers and board members.

Turkey Trot November 18, 2023, 9:00 am Donnelly Park. If you have volunteered to help with radio communications at this event, please meet Spencer at the park at 8:00 am. If you are interested in working this event and have not already signed up, please contact Spencer KJ6ART at kj6art@arrl.net

December

Turlock Christmas Parade Friday December 1, 2023, starting at 6:30 pm. If you have signed up to work communications for this event, please meet in front of the fountain at the old Turlock High School main building on Canal Drive at 4:00 pm. They will have pizza and drinks available for the volunteers. If you have not already signed up and are interested in working this event, please contact Spencer KJ6ART at kj6art@arrl.net. .

Club meeting and Christmas dinner Tuesday December 12, 2023 starts at 6:30pm for dinner and short meeting to follow. Election of club officers and board members will take place at this meeting.

January

Club meeting Tuesday January 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

THE CITY OF TURLOCK'S 49TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT FUN RUN

November 18, 2023



RACE FEES & TIMES:

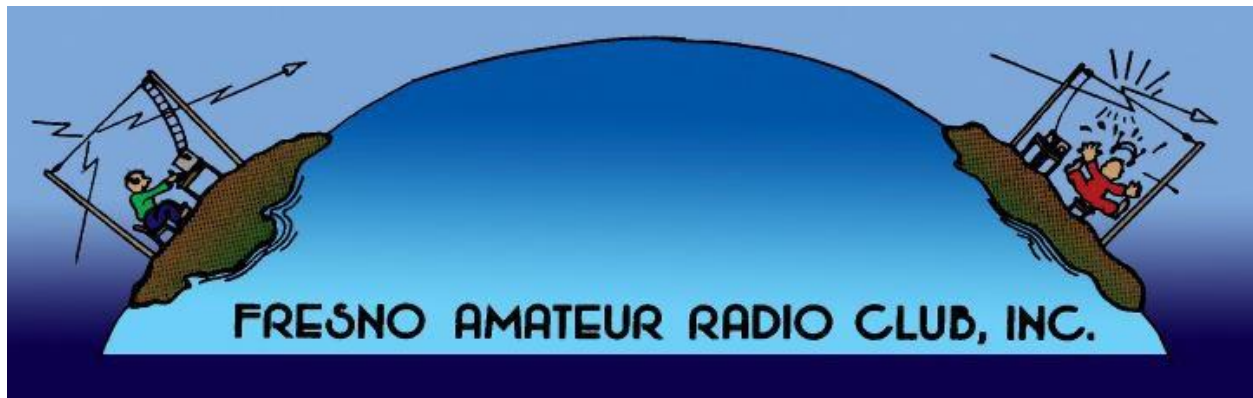
One-Mile Race
9:00am (\$20.00)

Two-Mile Race
9:20am (\$25.00)

Prizes for top finishers in each age category & all participants will be entered into the opportunity drawing!

REGISTER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 24TH TO GET A CUSTOM RACE SHIRT!





November FARC Swap Meet

Sat Nov. 11, 2023, 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Sellers arrive and set up at 7 A.M.

Admission is FREE for everyone.

Location of Swap Meet:

Lion Automotive

2944 Phillip Avenue

Clovis, CA 93612-4934

Directions: From Clovis Ave. turn East onto Gettysburg Ave. and travel for 2 blocks, turn South on Phillip Ave., proceed to Lion Automotive building and Parking Lot.

Walk through the open gate to the Swap Meet, which will be held in the fenced yard attached to the building. There will be 3 large estates along with other sellers.

Coffee, donuts, and popcorn this year. Hot dogs at lunch.

TX hunt at 10 A.M.



TURLOCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SPRING 2024 AUCTION

Saturday February 10, 2024, Doors open at 8:00 am and auction starts at 9:00 am

Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

The estates of Grady and Mike will be a part of the auction. If you are interested in selling items at the auction, please contact Spencer KJ6ART at kj6art@arrl.net or Richard W6ABJ at w6abj@arrl.net

Lunch provided by the Turlock Salvation Army at no cost. Donations are appreciated.

Please check the Turlock Amateur Radio Club website for updates at www.w6bxn.org. Click on the auction tab. There are some pictures of equipment that is for sale on the web site, more to be posted as they come in. If you are interested in selling an item, please contact Spencer KJ6ART to have a picture posted on the website. Details for selling an item is posted on the web site.

TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

2023 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2023. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

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2023 Club Officers

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